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St. Petersburg Police Officers Arrest Two Gibbs High School Students on gun and illegal drug charges

Arrested:

Zaki Tyre Starks, DOB: 4-26-96 (16), 2550 4th Avenue North. He is an 11th grade student at Gibbs High School. He is charged with two counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell (15 tablets of Hydromorphone - which is Dilaudid - and 8.6 grams of crack cocaine).

Zicari Deon Gibbons, DOB: 3-30-95 (17), 2351 35th Street South. He is an 11th grade student at Gibbs High School. He is charged with Possession of a Firearm on School Property (a felony). Zicari is the son of Deveron Gibbons, a former mayoral candidate in St. Petersburg.

Synopsis:

On Friday January 25, 2013, the St. Petersburg Police Department received a tip that two students at Gibbs High School had brought a handgun to school today.

Information from the tip also indicated the handgun was in a school locker.

Several officers responded to the school and met with Gibbs High School administrators.

School officials began searching the lockers in the school while the officers began an investigation to determine the identity of the students.

The person who reported the tip did not know the names of the students, but did provide enough information to help officers identify them after they talked with several students and school administrators.

St. Petersburg Police officers detained Zaki Tyre Starks near his locker. School officials searched Stark’s locker and found Hydromorphone, crack cocaine and over $1,400 in cash in the pockets of his jacket. Starks later admitted his intent to sell the drugs at school.

St. Petersburg Police officers also detained Zicari Deon Gibbons in the gymnasium. School officials searched his locker - located inside of the boy’s locker room - and found his backpack, student identification, and a Kel-Tec 9 mm semi-automatic handgun.
The handgun was unloaded, but the 10-round magazine for the firearm was located next to it when it was found inside the locker. The magazine contained 7 rounds of ammunition. Gibbons admitted he knew about the gun in his locker, but he did not make any other statements about why it was there.

Both juveniles were arrested and transported to the Juvenile Assessment Center.

A photo of Zaki Tyre Starks is attached. I will send a second media alert with the photo of Zicari Deon Gibbons.

Information by Bill Proffitt on January 25, 2013 at 2:45 p.m.

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